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Perplexing Dilemma of Christian Scientist Employees.

DENIED SICK LEAVE PAY

Refuse to Admit They Were Sick While Absent and Receive No Compensation--Cortelyou and the Employees of the Treasury Department.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—The Senate Committee on Military Affairs which has been investigating the affair at Brownsville, Texas, in which the negro troops are charged with having shot up the town, was droning along the other day listening to witnesses and hearing a technical description of the bullets found in the street, when Senator Scott, of West Virginia, who had been reading a paper, looked up dreadingly and said, "better hurry along with those bullets. We may need them in this war with Japan the papers are trying to get up."

"Do you think they will shoot that far?" asked Senator Bulkeley, of Connecticut.

"Whether they will or not," retorted Senator Forsaker with some warmth, "if ever we have a war with Japan or anybody else, we will need the negro troops, and the treatment accorded those men at Brownsville is not encouraging to negroes who would like to serve their country."

There has not been an opportunity presented during this hearing that Mr. Forsaker has not expressed his great admiration for the work of the colored troops.

Officials of the Treasury department are wrestling with a new proposition that threatens to test the legal acumen of its lay officers. The question is whether a Christian Scientist can conscientiously ask for sick leave. As each clerk must present a physician's certificate when absent on account of illness more than three days' employers who are followers of Mrs. Eddy's cult are in a dilemma.

The question was brought before the department when a Baltimore customs inspector who is a Christian Scientist took sick leave and asked if he might give the certificate of a Christian scientist healer. This inspector, however, insisted that he was not sick in the ordinary sense of the word. "I am not sick," he said, "My physical is overcoming the mental, and as soon as I am mentally dominated again I shall be all right."

The official to whom this request was addressed replied that while this might be true, it was still a fact that the physical body of the inspector

had not been at work at its accustomed place and that the only excuse that could be accepted would be a certificate from a physician that he was unable to work. The follower of Mrs. Eddy must now commit what his brethren call an "error" or go without pay for time lost.

There is an activity about the Treasury Department, among a certain class of employees since the arrival of George B. Cortelyou as the head of that department, that was not in evidence during the previous administration. Mr. Cortelyou went to the Treasury department preceded by the reputation of entertaining the old fashioned notion of expecting every man to give a full day's work to the government in return for the salary Uncle Sam paid him. In the corridor of the second floor of the big building in the end occupied by the Secretary and his three assistants there are enough colored messengers to form a good sized meeting. For months it been the habit of these messengers to gather during the day and relate to each other the good time they had the night before and indulge in reminiscences of various sorts. There never did appear to be any good reason for this numerous contingent of messengers unless it was to make an assault on the bi-monthly pay-roll.

All this has changed. These messengers no longer lounge about the corridors. They have all unexpectedly found there is something for them to do and they seem to be able to do it. Mr. Cortelyou also stopped the habit of officials having their shoes shined by the messengers during office hours. When the Secretary wants his shoes polished he goes outside or has a boot-black from the streets do it, and pays the usual charge. There is one messenger who having been a barber in his day has been in the habit of shaving clerks and cutting hair. This practice has also become a thing of the past. There will be no more barber shops in any part of the Treasury. Mr. Cortelyou does not permit any of the messengers to do work at his residence after office hours unless they are paid for it. It has long been a custom of some cabinet officers and some of their assistants to have their favorite messenger act as a butler and a visitor at such homes in the evening was sure to be met at the door by the same person who stood guard at the official's door during the day time. As this necessarily led to laxity of office discipline, Mr. Cortelyou will not tolerate it. Messengers and confidential clerks of bureau chiefs are not now leaving the Treasury building on personal errands for their chiefs quite so frequently as in the past. As these peculiarities of the new Secretary came to be known whose duty it is to serve the public are now paying more attention to that service and less to their personal affairs.

Do Not Crowd the Season.

The first warm days of spring bring with them a desire to get out and enjoy the exhilarating air and sunshine. Children that have been housed up all winter are brought and you wonder where they all came from. The heavy winter clothing is thrown away and many shed their flannels. Then a cold wave comes and people say that grip is epidemic. Colds at this season are even more dangerous than in mid-winter, as there is much more danger of pneumonia. Take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, however, and you will have nothing to fear. It always cures, and we have never known a cold to result in pneumonia when it was used. It is pleasant and safe to take. Children like it. For sale by Frank Hart and Leading druggists.

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President Sends Hundred Dollar Check for Famine Fund.

New York, March 21.—The interest of New Yorkers in affairs Russian has been stimulated during the past week by the presence here of two noteworthy representatives of that country.

One of these is Alexis Aladyin who was leader of the peasants or the "group of toil" in the first Duma. Mr. Aladyin's mission is to prevent the Russian Government from securing financial support from other nations until it inaugurates internal reforms, and to put a stop by international pressure to the torture of political prisoners in the Russian jails.

The other distinguished visitor is Nicholas Shiskoff, an aristocrat and a representative of the zemstvos, who came here to solicit support for the starving Russian peasants. According to Mr. Shiskoff, practically the entire population of a section of Russia half as large as the whole United States is without food and dependent on outside support from now until the next harvest. He adds, however, that five dollars will keep a child alive until then and eight dollars a man or woman. The Russian Famine Relief Committee has been organized here with headquarters at 135 East 15th

street and contributions are already coming in, one of the first being a check for \$100 received from President Roosevelt. Bishop Potter is President of the committee and the Rev. Smauel J. Barrows is Secretary.

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